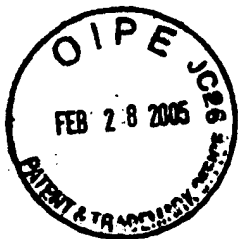


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Applicant respectfully responds to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005 as follows: